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1. COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID --

HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) WAS RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AT ITS FIRST 1977 MEETING JAN. 25. IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT, HARRIMAN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION WOULD SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID AND "LIVE UP TO THE HOPES REPOSED IN IT BY THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THEIR FRIENDS IN AFRICA AND THE WORLD GENERALLY." THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SOUTH AFRICA -- CALLED FOR BY THE GA -- SHOULD TAKE PLACE DURING THE LATTER HALF OF MARCH, WHEN THE US WILL HOLD THE COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. THE COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING A DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION "WITH THE PURPOSE OF ASKING IT NOT TO OBSTRUCT BUT TO FACILITATE THE ADOPTION OF MEASURES UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER", AND TO SEND LETTERS TO SOME US CONGRESSMEN DRAWING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE SERIOUSNESS

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OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SEEKING THEIR COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN THE ADOPTION OF A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AND OTHER CHAPTER VII MEASURES. THE CHAIRMAN SAID CONSULTATIONS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE WOULD BE HELD WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND THE UK. LETTERS ARE TO BE SENT ALSO TO ORGANIZATIONS IN THE US, UK AND FRANCE ACTIVE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID.

CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD PRESS AHEAD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WITH ITS EFFORTS TO SECURE AN EFFECTIVE EMBARGO ON ALL MILITARY COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AND INVITED THE COOPERATION OF FRANCE, THE UK AND US, AS WELL AS THE FRG WHICH IS NOW A SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER. WITH REGARD TO THE US, HE SAID THAT FOR TOO LONG "THIS GREAT COUNTRY HAS FAILED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TOWARD FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD COMMITTED ITSELF TO MEANINGFUL ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID, AND SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO "FULL AND FRANK CONSULTATIONS WITH THE USG AND WITH ITS NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE-DESIGNATE, CONGRESSMAN ANDREW YOUNG." HE WELCOMED THE INITIATIVE BY MR. YOUNG AND SEVERAL OTHER CONGRESSMEN TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. COMMENTING ON RHODESIA, HARRIMAN SAID HE HOPED

THE TALKS COULD BE "RESUSCITATED."

GEORGE HOUSER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA, REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON AN OPEN LETTER HIS ORGANIZATION SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER REGARDING THE "CRITICAL IMPORTANCE" OF US POLICY TOWARD AFRICA AT THIS TIME. IT STATED, INTER ALIA, THAT A "TRULY NEW" POLICY SHOULD INCLUDE STRONGLY DISCOURAGING ECONOMIC INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. HIS ORGANIZATION LOOKED WITH HOPE ON THE DESIGNATION OF CONGRESSMAN YOUNG AS US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN. MHLAMBISO, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA, ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE FOR COOPERATION BY THE CARTER
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ADMINISTRATION AND MR. YOUNG.

IN OTHER ACTION, THE COMMITTEE: DECIDED TO REQUEST THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF RECENT DEATHS IN DETENTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY IN CONTEXT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID; COMMENDED TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PARTICIPATED LAST WEEK IN A CAMPAIGN OF PROTEST AGAINST APARTHEID; ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FOR CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE OAU FOR THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA IN LUSAKA JAN. 29-FEB. 5; AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR URGENT FINANCIAL HELP FROM GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR A PROGRAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE FUND AIDING SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS WHO HAD RECENTLY "FLED FROM THE TERROR" IN THEIR COUNTRY. THE COMMITTEE ALSO ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS: REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR AFRICA TO BE ORGANIZED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION OF GUINEAN WOMEN AND WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION, IN COOPERATION WITH AAPSO AND OTHERS, IN CONAKRY FEB. 6-9; AND TRIBUNAL AGAINST APARTHEID IN PARIS JAN. 29, BEING ORGANIZED BY FRENCH ORGANIZATIONS. IT WAS DECIDED TO SEND A MESSAGE, RATHER THAN A REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE CONFERENCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS AND PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO BE HELD IN LUANDA JAN. 31-FEB. 2.

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MARTYNENKO (UKRAINE) WAS RE-ELECTED AS ONE OF THE VICE CHAIRMEN, AND RAO (INDIA) ELECTED AS RAPporteur. SAM (GHANA) WAS RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS AND COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AND SEMICHI (ALGERIA) WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND INFORMATION.

2. ASSASSINATION OF JASON MOYO --

COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) SENT MESSAGE TO NKOMO, OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE, CONVEYING CONDOLENCES ON THE "DASTARDLY ASSASSINATION" OF JASON MOYO, "LEADING FIGURE OF THE ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENT" WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

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3. NAMIBIAN DEVELOPMENTS --

SOUTH AFRICAN ACTING PERMREP EKSTEEN TOLD MISOFF THE

SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT IS ANXIOUS TO PASS ENABLING LEGISLATION DURING CURRENT SESSION REGARDING CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA AND HE BELIEVED THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE, MOVING TOWARD FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN NAMIBIA "SOON."
(CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 192)

4. RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE --

BRITISH ARE PUSHING "NONALIGNED" MEMBERS OF UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT CANADA AS FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN IN RETURN FOR WESTERN EUROPEAN AND US AGREEMENT TO LIBYAN PERMREP KIKHIA'S CHAIRMANSHIP AND INDIAN PERMREP JAIPAL AS SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN. BRITISH PLAN TO SUBMIT TEXT OF THEIR PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS TO THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT BEFORE FEB. 1, AFTER WHICH THE COMMITTEE WOULD DISCUSS THE TEXT AND FORWARD IT TO THE
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SECURITY COUNCIL. THEY APPEAR EAGER TO PRESS ON DESPITE FRENCH CONCERN THAT AN SC MEETING ON RHODESIA, HELD IN FEBRUARY, COULD OPEN PANDORA'S BOX OF PROBLEMS.
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 194)

5. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA --

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISOFF INFORMED US IN CONFIDENCE GODR IS NEGOTIATING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA. THIS ACCOUNTED FOR DIMINUTION IN GODR'S SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL IN THE UN, HE COMMENTED. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 191)

6. ALLEGATIONS OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN MICRONESIA --

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (TC) PRESIDENT SCALABRE (FRANCE) TOLD AMB RAWLS HE IS ARRANGING TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CIRCULATE BOTH THE OCTOBER LETTER FROM PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA NAKAYAMA AND THE DECEMBER NAKAYAMA/HENRY LETTER (REQUESTING THE TC PRESIDENT TO SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF THE UN LEGAL COUNSEL ON WHETHER THE US VIOLATED THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT BY CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE AGAINST MICRONESIANS AND THAT THE MATTER BE DISCUSSED BY THE TC), BUT DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION UNTIL THE 44TH TC SESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 188)

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7. SAIPAN-TOKYO AIR ROUTE --

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (TC) PRESIDENT RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA NAKAYAMA
AND HOUSE SPEAKER HENRY ASKING THAT THE TC REQUEST THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT "TO PERMIT IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT OF AIR
SERVICE BY OUR MICRONESIAN AIR CARRIER BETWEEN ALL OF THE
DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND JAPAN VIA SAIPAN."
THE LETTER DESCRIBES THE POSITION OF THE USG, GOJ, AND COM, AND
STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF TOURISM -- AND ITS DEPENDENCE ON
A JAPAN-MICRONESIA AIR ROUTE -- FOR MICRONESIAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT. THE TC PRESIDENT (FRANCE) ASKED THE US TO
RAISE THE ISSUE WITH THE GOJ. (USUN 181)

8. SYG WALDHEIM'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP --

SYG WALDHEIM PLANS TO LEAVE NEW YORK JAN. 31 FOR THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE HE WILL CONSULT WITH PARTIES CONCERNED ON WAYS TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AIMED AT A SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. HE WILL VISIT EGYPT (FEB. 2-4), SYRIA (FEB. 4-7), LEBANON (FEB. 7-8), JORDAN (FEB. 8-10), ISRAEL (FEB. 10-11), WITH A POSSIBLE SECOND STOP IN CAIRO FOLLOWING VISIT TO JERUSALEM. UN SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE SYG WILL MEET WITH PLO LEADER ARAFAT. HE ALSO SAID THAT IN LEBANON THE SYG WILL DISCUSS THE UN ROLE IN RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS. (USUN 182)

9. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL --

THE COUNCIL CONCLUDED DEBATE JAN. 24 ON THE PROGRAM'S "NEW DIMENSIONS" IN PROMOTING TECHNICAL COOPERATION, HEARING 20 SPEAKERS. IT ALSO BEGAN DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM AND RELATED MATTERS, AND CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM JAN. 25, AGAIN HEARING THE COMMENTS OF MORE THAN
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20 SPEAKERS. AMONG THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE LATTER DEBATE WAS THE QUESTION OF WHICH MATTERS SHOULD BE EVALUATED BY UNDP OR UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL THROUGH DELEGATED MEMBERS, AND BY GOVERNMENTS, WHOSE PROJECTS MIGHT COME UNDER SCRUTINY.

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